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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: FGGM Policy - Tree Management

1. Existing trees are characterized as Priority 1 (P-1), 2 (P-2) and 3 (P-3) as designated by Fort George G. Meade (FGGM), Directorate of Public Works (DPW), Environmental Management Office (EMO). P-1 includes dominant trees: oaks (i.e. scarlet, white, red, chestnut, pin, black, bur, & others), black gum, tulip poplar, ash, hickory, beech, walnut, linden, pitch pine, american holly, hornbeam, red bud, dogwood, serviceberry, persimmon, sassafras; P-2 trees include: red maple, birch, elm, magnolia, white pine, shortleaf pine; P-3 trees include: silver maple, sweet gum, mulberry, sycamore, cottonwood, juniper, locust, black cherry, buckeye, catalpa, spruce, hemlock, fir, virginia pine and other trees not listed above.
2. Mitigation shall be to plant (in caliper inches) 1 inch of P-1 trees for each 1-inch of P-1 trees removed, plant 1 inch of P-1 trees for each 2 inches of P-2 trees removed, and plant 1 inch of P-1 tree for each 4 inches of P-3 trees removed.
3. Preservation of existing dominant trees shall receive the highest consideration in planning the development of proposed projects. Sitting options shall be evaluated and presented for review.
4. Mitigation tree planting should occur within the project area; where this is not practical, other planting locations will be provided by DPW, EMO. Trees to be planted shall be from the P-1 list above, and shall include at least 5 species from this list for any given project.
5. Trees to be planted shall be at least 1.0 inches caliper, or as otherwise directed in writing by the DPW, EMO. Self help tree planting may be performed using at least 5 gallon size trees. Trees shall be protected from potential injury with tree guards and mulching.
6. Existing trees shall be protected during construction activity. Grading, cutting, filling and compaction of soil beneath the trees drip line shall be avoided. Mitigation shall conform to industry standards for acceptable tree management practices.
7. This policy should be used in concert with FGGM Policy - Forest Conservation Act.
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Purpose:

Discussion: The FGGM – Tree Management Policy would formalize tree management and replacement policy from any activity that would cause the death, destruction or lead to removal of existing trees. Any person or activity that adversely impact desirably located trees would be responsible for replacing trees at their cost. The responsible party may replace trees by replanting as a self help project, through in house or by contract performance.

Recommendation: